# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
# LOK SABHA

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NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEMES
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**Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether any scheme has been formulated to bring youths of country in the process of national building on voluntary basis;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have reviewed the working of National Services Schemes (NSS) and its achievements;if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to make NSS meaningful and to bring more youth power under the Scheme?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PON. RADHAKIRISHNAN)

(a)&(b): Yes Sir, A new Scheme called National Reconstruction Corps (NRC) has been formulated to bring the youth of the country in the process of National building on voluntary basis. The Scheme will be implemented in 80 selected districts of the country beginning from the current financial year. Under the Scheme one Project Officer and 100 volunteers for each of the selected districts will be recruited on contract basis for a year. The Project Officer and the volunteers will be engaged in the implementation of the various Schemes/Projects in the Ministries/Departments of Government of India/State Governments.

(c) The Government has got the National Service Scheme evaluated by the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA), New Delhi in 1996-97.

(d) This study evaluated the organisational structure and programme, assessed the achievements, limitations and possibilities of the Scheme during the period 1969-1997. Most of the recommendations contained in the evaluation study done by IIPA have been/are in the process of being implemented by the Ministry.

(e) To make NSS more meaningful and to bring more youth power under the Scheme, recently Ministry has raised the scales of assistance for regular and special camping programme under the Scheme. Ministry is also increasing the number of NSS volunteers every year.